GOOD NEWS FOR HOMEMAKERS

by Shirley W. Walton
Extension Agent

Corrections for Cooking Flops!

No matter how good a cook you are, the law of averages will dish out some recipe flops now and then. The phone rings, a neighbor drops in or the children need you just at the critical point of your preparation of a recipe. It's very hard to resurrect some foods such as overcooked meat, too brown chicken or a fallen souffle, but there are some things you can correct and keep them from becoming cooking flops.

Here are some tips that will stand you in good stead when the beans burn, the gravy lumps or a number of other disasters occur in the kitchen:

1. **Lumpy Gravy:** Beat quickly with a wire whisk, put through a strainer or put your electric blsender to work.

2. **Burnt beans:** Instantly transfer the part of the beans not stuck to another pan. Add enough water to finish cooking and forget the scorching Probably no one will be able to detect it. Tomatoes are also good added, and sometimes some chili powder or other spices and herbs that your family enjoys can spice up some burnt beans and get rid of the scorch taste.

3. **Too thin icing:** Put pan in ice water and beat again. If still too think beat in a small amount of sifted confectionery sugar.

4. **Too thick frosting:** Add water, a few drops at the time, and beat longer. Sometimes warm water works better than cold water.

5. **Homemade mayonnaise separates:** Put an egg yolk into a bowl and very gradually beat in mayonnaise until thoroughly blended.

6. **Too salty gravy:** Increase the amount of gravy by diluting it with more milk or water. Even add a little unsalted stock or bouillon cube.

7. **Gelatin which won't unmold:** Loosen around edges of container with a sharp knife. Dip mold in a bowl of hot water. Invert on plate and shake. If the mold still will not loosen, place a warm clean cloth on top of the mold and this will help the mold to loosen.

8. **Too salty vegetables:** Add peeled irish potato and cook for an additional time, approximately 20 minutes, if taste reveals results. Important note: Please go light on the salt as you can always add it, but it is difficult to take it away.

9. **Custard which separates:** Remove pan from heat and place over bowl of ice water to stop cooking process. Whip with a wire whisk, fork or rotary beater.

10. **Important Note:** Most foods such as eggs, vegetables and meat if cooked at a low temperature in a minimum amount of water have a higher nutritional value and a more pleasing taste. Do not boil eggs because this only toughens the protein in them. Cook eggs at a simmering temperature and you will find that you will have much better results in the finished product.

Homemakers, if you have a homemaking question or problem, please write or call the Appomattox County Extension Office. Our phone number is 352-8244 and our address is P.O. Box 488, Appomattox, Virginia 24522. I wish to add a note about how nice it is to hear from some of you who live out of town and out of state. It is so exciting to hear from you and know that you read "Good News for Homemakers" each week.

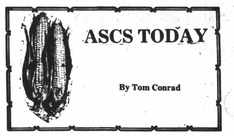
Reminder of the week: Mrs. Jeanne Clabough will be teaching a course on child rearing practices associated with the well-developed, competent child. This course will be offered each Thursday night, beginning February 1, 1979 for six weeks. The class hours will be from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Be sure and read Mrs. Clabough's articles that are appearing in the **Times-Virginian**, beginning with the January 10 issue. Should you have questions about this class, you may call 352-8253 for information. This course is especially designed for parents of young children.

Have a good week, homemakers!

RECIPE OF THE WEEK
Russian Tea

1 cup sugar
1 cup sugar
½ cup instant tea
1⅓ cups Tang
1½ tsp. cinnamon, ground
¾ tsp. cloves (optional)
Very little allspice
1 pkg. lemonade mix or 2 scoops from can of lemonade mix
Mix well as listed. Add 2 heaping tsp. to 1 cup hot water. Delicious!
Thanks to Mrs. Catherine Perdue for sharing this delicious recipe with us. She served this at a recent homemakers' meeting.

This is a good nutritious hot drink for a cold winter day.



ASCS TODAY

By Tom Conrad

Pre-Measurement Available for Set-Aside and Other Program Acres - Farmers can assure that they comply with wheat and feed grain set-aside programs by taking advantage of a premeasurement service.

The service, offered for a nominal fee, involves measuring, referencing and marking out fields with stakes prior to planting. Producers who take advantage of premeasurement are then guaranteed that the fields are a certain size. This is important in helping them plan which fields to plant and which to set aside.

Premeasurement was available last year but few farmers took advantage of it. In many instances this caused producers to either lose program benefits or to destroy crops to comply with set-aside provisions.

After planting their 1979 crops, program participants must certify, or report their crop, set-aside and other program acres to the ASCS office. Certification periods for 1979 crops will be announced at a later date.

Wheat, Feed Grain Program Signup Begins February 15 - Farmers can sign up for the 1979 wheat and feed grain program beginning February 15. Provisions of the corn and sorghum set-aside program include a 10 percent set-aside and a 10 percent diversion. The wheat and barley program contains a 20 percent set-aside requirement.

Participation in the program is voluntary. However, producers must file their intentions to participate during the signup period to be eligible for program benefits. All farmers planting feed grain and/or wheat for harvest in 1979 are eligible to participate.

Program participants will be eligible for price support loans, deficiency and disaster payments for barley, corn, sorghum, and wheat on the participating farm, and on other normal crop acreage (NCA) grown on the farm. They will also be eligible to use the grain reserve.

Farmers may also sign up for voluntary diversion payments on corn and sorghum. However, there will be no advance voluntary diversion payment for 1979 crops. There will be a payment made later on at a rate of $1.00 x established yield x the voluntary diversion acreage.

Producers who sign up agree to take out of production one acre for every ten planted in 1979 to corn and sorghum: two acres for every ten planted to wheat and barley for grain; and reduce the acreage of NCA crops by this set-aside amount.

More program details may be obtained from the ASCS office. The signup period will be conducted until April 16.

CAMPBELL COUNTY LITTLE THEATRE TO PRESENT COMEDY

The Campbell County Little Theatre will present the hilarious musical comedy, "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum." The show will play at Brookneal Elementary School Friday, January 26 and move to Yellow Branch Elementary School on Saturday, January 27. Show time each night will be 8 p.m.

This play is a wonderful mixture of lively music, mistaken identity, chase scenes, courtesans, slaves, soldiers, mubers, bumblers, and tumblers; a marvelous take-off on old Roman times which should provide great entertainment for all ages.

Featured in the cast are Al Sheckwitz as Pseudolus, Mike Daniels as Hysterium, Keith Stevens as Hero, Donna Cole as Philia, Ronald Reynolds as Senex, William Caudy as Miles Gloriosus, Pete Candler as Lycus, and Bonnie Wood as Domina.

The play is being directed by John Rowbottom of Rustburg, and JoAnne Cole will be featured on the piano.

Ralph C. Ackers Promoted

HANAU, German(AHTNC) Jan. 18...Ralph C. Akers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred K. Ackers, Route 3, Appomattox, Va., recently was promoted to Army specialist four while servng as a vehicle mechanic with the 3rd. Support Command in Hanau, Germany.

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Jimmy Dorety interviews senior Valerie Spencer in mock interviewing session in English 12 class.

ACHS Seniors Learn Interviewing Skills

As part of a 12th grade English unit on "Job Getting Skills," students in Miss Brenda Waldron's class recently had the opportunity to participate in mock job interviews. Mr. James Dorety, assistant personnel manager at Armstrong Furniture Company, interviewed students in order to demonstrate proper interviewing techniques. This experience will help prepare students for actual interviews when they enter the job market upon graduation. This instructional unit was coordinated through the Guidance Department as part of the Title IV-C Model Program for Career Guidance.

Mayor Spiggle Speaks To Jr. FHA Chapter

On January 18, 1979, the Appomattox County Junior Chapter of FHA met. The meeting was called to order by President Karen Doss. We had all the business taken care of when Janica Campbell said that we have a lot more $2.50 candles left. If anyone in the public would like to buy one, then please notify any Jr. FHA member or Mrs. Clara Staten.

Our guest speaker for the month of January was Mr. Ronald Spiggle, mayor of the town of Appomattox. He presented a program on "What Our Family Can do in the Community." The officer of the month was Janica Campbell. It was announced by Paulina Lovelace. Then the meeting was adjourned.

Renee Wells, Reporter

"Pilgrim's Progress" To Be Shown At Evergreen Baptist Church

The movie, "The Pilgrim's Progress" will be shown at the Evergreen Baptist Church on Sunday evening, January 28th. at 7:00.

The public is cordially invited to attend.

Admissions Assembly

Ferrum College will be having its annual Regional Admissions Assembly for the Lynchburg area on Tuesday, January 30, 1979 at the Holiday Inn, South, Rt. 29 at Odd Fellows Road, Lynchburg, Virginia The Assembly begins at 7:30 p.m.

This will be an excellent opportunity for you and your parents to meet members of the Ferrum College admissions staff, faculty, current and prospective students and discuss any questions you might have concerning Ferrum. It will be a very informal occasion that should last no longer than an hour.

Please feel free to bring a friend. Refreshments will be served.

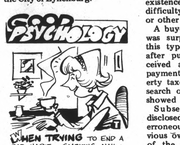
Lynchburg District Conf. Of Methodists To Meet Sunday

The 112th Session of the Lynchburg District Conference of The Methodist Church will be held at Centenary United Methodist Church, Lynchburg, Sunday, January 28, 1979 at 2:30 p.m. The Reverend H. Hasbrouck Hughes, Jr., District Superintendent, will preside.

The Conference sermon will be delivered by Bishop W. Kenneth Goodson, Bishop of the Richmond Area.

Among other agenda items the Conference will inaugurate "Operation Breadbasket" - a World Hunger project in which area United Methodist Churches will seek to contribute $15,000 to provide an irrigation pump on the Gambia River in Senegal, Africa.

Delegates to the Conference will include 53 pastors, plus lay representatives from 99 local churches with a total membership of approximately 21,000 located in seven counties and the City of Lynchburg.



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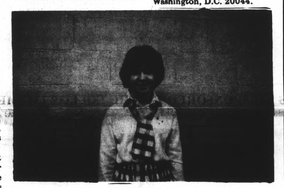

Laura Walton

FHA Officer Of Month For December

The Future Homemakers of America Officer of the Month at ACHS for December helped in the sale of donuts and oil lamps. She helped prepare one of the contestants running for queen and stayed after school to work on affiliation sheets. This officer also contacted our orphan and contacted the guest speaker for November's meeting.

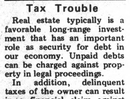
December's officer of the month is Laura Walton.

HOME BUYER CLINIC
By Roger N. Bell
President
American Land Title Association

Tax Trouble

Real estate typically is a favorable long-range investment that has an important role as security for debt in our economy. Unpaid debts can be charged against property in legal proceedings.

In addition, delinquent taxes of the owner can result in a financial claim against real property and become an expensive problem for the unwary buyer. Tax charges against property are especially troublesome when public records fail to provide advance warning of their existence because of some difficulty at the court house or other governmental office.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A buyer in a western state was surprised to encounter this type of hazard shortly after purchase when he received a notice calling for payment of delinquent property taxes. Previously, a title search of the public records showed the taxes to be paid.

Subsequent investigation disclosed that the taxes were erroneously paid by the previous buyer. Upon discovery of the error, a tax official cancelled the payment to make the taxes delinquent—but the change was not reflected in the public records at the time of the title search.

Luckily, the buyer was protected by owner's title insurance issued at the time of his purchase transaction. The insuring title company paid the back taxes to save the buyer from financial loss.

Precautions are worth considering before you buy a home. Free information on the subject may be obtained by writing American Land Title Association, Box 566, Washington, D.C. 20044.

It's believed the eating of beef was introduced to Japan in 1856 by American diplomat Townsend Harris.

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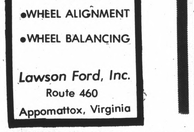
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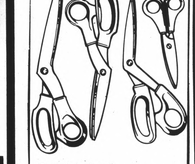
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